

In the Name of God the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

Welcoming Speech

The National Council for Family Affairs (NCFA), the Public Security Directorate (Family Protection Department) and the Family Protection Project are honored to welcome the participants to the Arab Regional Conference for Family Protection.

Held in Amman, under the gracious patronage of Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah, with the theme “Working Together for Family Protection” to establish a strong healthy family, with consolidated structure that raises its members into a creative generation, promising youth and secured elderly.

The conference will scrutinize the family violence phenomenon from an objective and a scientific viewpoint, it also seeks to create a multi-disciplinary institutional approach from both governmental and non-governmental organizations which will insure the protection of all family individuals against all forms of violence and abuse, and thus providing them with a secure environment that enables each individual reach his/her optimum productive and creative potentials to ensure the dignity, progress and prosperity of our communities.

Jordan advertence the importance of controlling the issue of domestic violence and supporting people who fall victims to such behavior, this was the reason of establishing the Family Protection Project (FPP) in 2002 under the leadership and guidance of Her Majesty Queen Rania- President of the NCFA, aiming to build the capacity of governmental and non-governmental organizations working in the field of family protection in Jordan. The FPP taskforce represents all governmental and non-governmental organizations involved in this field, working through a participatory approach the team developed the National Framework for Family Protection in order to provide comprehensive and integrated services and establish a common language among specialists and professionals in this field.

In conclusion, we wish the conference all the success and we hope that the deliberations will come up with practical recommendations to upgrade the status of the family and its individuals. We would also like to extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all those who supported this conference, particularly the Department for International Development (DFID), The United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), World Health Organization (WHO), the Ministry of Forign Affairs of Denmark, the Swiss Agency for International Cooperation and Development, and Microsoft Cooperation . Wishing you a pleasant stay in your second country Jordan.

Thank you.

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Arab Regional Conference on Family Protection

11-12 /12/2005 From 09:00 - 04:00 Regional Training on Selected Aspects of Violence Prevention

Organized By: World Health Organization

Day One 13th December

09:00 – 11:30	Session No 1: Domestic Violence – Current Situation and Challenges	Hall B
12:00 – 12:45	Opening Session	Hall A
12:45 – 01:00	Coffee Break	
01:00 – 02:00	Lunch	Grand Ballroom
02:00 – 03:45	Session No 2: Domestic Violence in the Jordanian Society	Hall A
03:45 – 04:00	Coffee Break	
04:00 – 06:00	Session No 3: Roles and Responsibilities in Combating Domestic Violence	Hall A
06:15 – 07:30	Field Visits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Protection Department • Queen Rania Center //Jabel AL-naser • Dar Al Aman 	
08:30	Dinner	

Second Day 14th December

09:00 – 11:15	Parallel Training Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using Video in Interviewing Children Victims of Sexual Abuse • Multi-agency Approach 	Kahraman Murjan
09:00 – 11:15	Special Session: Role of Religion in Family Protection	Hall A
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 – 01:00	Session No 4: Preventing Domestic Violence	Hall A
01:00 – 02:00	Lunch	Grand Ballroom
02:00 – 04:15	Session No 5: Monitoring, Evaluation and Responsibilities in Family Protection	Hall A
04:15 – 05:00	Coffee Break	
05:00 – 07:00	Special Session : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking and cooperation on a regional level • The Role of legislation in Family Protection from Violence 	Hall A Hall B
08:30	Dinner	

Day Three 15th December

09:00 – 11:15	Parallel Training Sessions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Interviewing Victims 2. Case Management Skills for Social Workers 3. Medical Evaluation of Sexual Abuse Victims 	Murjan Hall B Kahraman
09:00 – 11:15	Country Case Studies	Hall A
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 – 01:00	Media Interactive Session	Hall A
01:00 – 02:00	Lunch	Grand Ballroom
02:00 – 03:30	Country Case Studies	Hall A
03:45 – 04:00	Role Play	
04:00 – 05:00	Closing session.	Hall A

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Working Together for Family Protection

Introduction

The family unit is the first reference of the child which contributes in shaping his/her personality. Through the family the child acquires interpersonal skills and learns the values and traditions of the society, which form the basis of his/her social culture. However, there are several factors that negatively affect the family in terms of conducting its roles and responsibilities. Family violence is one of these factors that is considered to be an international problem of the twentieth century which is not only affecting the family but the society as a whole. Therefore, there is a need to join forces and implement systematic and comprehensive approaches to control the incidence of this phenomenon. One of the approaches used to address family violence on the national and regional level, is to raise the awareness and train professionals working in this field.

In this context, and in order to highlight family violence and all its aspects, the Arab Regional Conference on Family Protection will be held in Amman during the period of 13-15 December, 2005. The theme of the conference is "Working Together for Family Protection" and it will be held in cooperation with the following organizations: The National Council of Family Affairs (NCFA), the Public Security Directorate - Family Protection

Department (FPD), the Family Protection Project (FPP), with the support of the Department of International Development, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Health Organization (WHO), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

Participants include specialists and experts from governmental and non-governmental organizations working in the field of family protection both locally and regionally.

The program includes a presentation about the National Framework for Family Protection developed by the team of the family protection project. The framework is the first of its kind in the Arab World and it aims at providing practitioners with resources by outlining the preventive route of family violence. The framework also includes a list of standardized definitions entitled to be adopted by practitioners and experts in the field of family violence. The roles and responsibilities of individuals, groups, governmental and non-governmental organizations are also outlined in order to enable practitioners to understand how their work complements that of other organizations.

Objectives

The conference's main objective is to advance the best practices in protection, prevention and treatment of the physical, mental, cognitive, emotional, social, legal and economic implications caused by family violence inflicted on children, women and men in all stages of life.

The sub-objectives are:

1. Present the national framework of family protection.
2. Introduce the extent, forms, causes, and implications of family violence at the regional level.
3. Look into the social, health, legal and cultural repercussions of family violence and urge the development of effective policies.
4. Explore the different facets of family violence (detection, management, treatment and prevention)
5. Develop the multi-disciplinary approach to address family protection.
6. Encourage the positive response of practitioners to international protocols and studies that deal with family violence including those adopted by the United Nations.
7. Encourage the establishment of partnerships with international specialists (United Nations, donor agencies).

Structure:

1. In order to achieve the objectives of the conference, the following topics will be discussed in the sessions:
 - a. The National Framework for Family Protection.
 - b. The extent, forms, causes, and repercussions of family violence in the region (i.e. conducive environment and emerging key issues).
 - c. The Role of policy makers with regards to family protection.
 - d. The judiciary, legislation and law enforcement in the field of family protection: the roles of the judiciary and the law enforcement authorities; collaboration between the judiciary,

social development and educational systems; and the testimony of victims with regards to the legal procedures.

- e. Prevention: changing social attitudes and practices, and public awareness campaigns, etc.
- f. Interdisciplinary approaches – professionals working together: early detection, diagnosis and intervention, interviewing techniques for victims who report abuse, training programs and supervision, and the establishment of an interdisciplinary team.
- g. Responding to family violence, including identification and analysis of gaps: protocols for assessment and intervention, effective treatment interventions, institutional care, and social and communal support.
- h. The role of religion in family protection.
- i. Monitoring and evaluation in family protection programs.

2. The following arrangements will be applied:

1. Organizing training workshops which present the best practices in different disciplines: The expertise of local and international experts and solicitation of external consultancies in the planning and the presentation of workshops to ensure high quality training sessions. The workshops will include the following:
 - The interdisciplinary approach (law practitioners, police officers, lawyers, healthcare providers and professionals, social workers, and representatives from non-governmental institutions)
 - Interviewing techniques with abused children and adult victims of violence (police officers).
 - Medical assessment and diagnosis of victims of sexual violence (forensic physicians).
 - Case management for social workers (including psychologists, counselors, and psychiatrists).

- Video-taped interviewing techniques for victims of family violence (Police Officers , Judges)
- 2. Holding interactive group discussions – panel style: Each panel discussion will deal with one of the contemporary issues related to family violence. Experts will highlight a particular issue for the participants to come up with practical results and solutions. The topics of the sessions include: the media dialogue sessions and the role of legislation in protecting the family against violence.
- 3. Presenting of the experiences of Arab countries. These should be verified with the following determinants: Is it prevention focused? Is it a multidisciplinary service? Is it evidence based? Is it human rights based? Is it easily accessible? Is it socio-culturally sensitive?
- 4. A presentation about the National Framework for Family Protection.
- 5. Real life stories, cases of family violence and treatment methods.
- 6. Specialized sessions about the National Framework for Family Protection, networking and collaboration at the regional level.

Conclusions:

The Conference and through its various sessions and panels hope to achieve the following:

1. Stimulate greater regional public response and engagement in issues related to family protection.
2. Enhance current networks concerned with family protection and develop new ones.
3. Present special recommendations of family protection regarding new polices and the call to adopt best practices, strategies, and relevant programs.
4. Building capacity and knowledge exchange among specialists and experts in the field of family protection.
5. Encourage participating to adopt a national framework for family protection.

1-The Family Protection Project

The FPP is a groundbreaking initiative in Jordan and around the world, due to its holistic and rights-based approach to the issue of violence against women and children. Developing an initiative that addresses issues of violence across practices has given it a scope that had previously never been attempted in its size and complexity. This challenged the Project Management Team (the Team) to manage both internal and external issues with persistence, coherence and flexibility.

Family Protection Project - History

The United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID) signed, in 1999, a three-year technical assistance agreement with the Government of Jordan to strengthen institutional capacities to combat violence against women and children. The approach adopted by the project champions the disadvantaged and marginalized within the judiciary system, government ministries, non-governmental organizations and civil society as a whole.

Role of the National Council for Family Affairs

The Family Protection Project (FPP) in Jordan operates under the umbrella of the National Council for Family Affairs (NCFEA) and is managed by the British Council. In 2003, and in recognition for their efforts, FPP/Jordan were awarded the United Nations Prize in the Field of Human Rights, which is awarded every five years.

The Project Team

The made up of 7 male and 5 female middle managers representing eleven governmental and non-governmental organizations, became a force of change and spearheaded key developments in Jordan for the benefit of victims of violence. Responsible for planning, monitoring, and evaluating the project, the Team members are a real example of how ordinary citizens, through self-belief, empowerment and team ship can be effective in achieving challenging goals.

Team Achievements

An initial challenge for the Team was to find a leadership model that worked effectively for a diverse group of organisations and members and to manage the differences between participating government organisations and between government and non-government organisations. They soon realised that they need to work together on equal partnership basis, quickly becoming strong, with equal organisational and gender status.

In this spirit, the Team gained recognition for:

1. Placing Family Protection on the Political Agenda:
2. Policy Development:
3. Prevention and Protection Mechanisms:
4. Service Development:
5. Networking and Relationship Building

2- Public Security Directorate / Family Protection Department

The Family Protection Department was appended officially in February 1998 and is a police department within the Public Security Directorate.

Because the police are a law enforcement agency and have to deal with these very complicated and serious crimes a Department was set up to run on the lines of a victim centered approach, the benefits of using the approach of the victims is that they are treated in a human and support-live way and receive a better service. Which assists in their rehabilitation. The benefit to the police is that they receive a more truthful account which facilitates a successful prosecution and encourages crime reporting. The welfare and safety of the victims is of paramount importance.

The protection of the vulnerable requires a close working relationship between the police, social services. The judiciary, medical services, Schools, NGOs and others. so inter- agency co- operation is one of the priorities to the police.

It is planned to have special family courts. Video taping of statements and closed circuit television facilities in the courts in order to help protect victims of abuse.

Procedures

When a case comes to the Department, all female and most child victims are interviewed by a policewoman. If a medical examination is required the forensic doctor is called and the examination takes place in a medical room in the same building. All cases are treated in a confidential way. If it is decided that a crime has been committed the case is sent to the Prosecutor or to the Court. If a crime has not been committed, but intervention is necessary, social workers will take over the case. Social workers follow up on cases and, if needed the psychiatrists see those who need treatment.

Case conferences are regularly held between all the parties involved to ensure a comprehensive follow up.

Currently this service is available in (Amman / Irbid /Balka /Zarka/ Aqaba).

The duty of the police is to uphold the law. Protect the community and bring offenders to justice, they are responsible of the offender and their time in prison.. But what about the victim? The victims of child abuse. Rape. Sexual crimes and domestic violence deserve attention. Those who need the most protection are the weak and vulnerable in society, who are usually women and children. This is why the public security Department which has policemen and policewomen trained in dealing with these types of crimes from a victim centered approach.

Intervention in a family has major implications even if a criminal prosecution does not take place, If the police do not maintain the right balance and avoid unnecessary intrusion, a family's reputation and its place in society may be destroyed, the police belong to the society they serve and therefore have to be sensitive to the culture, customs and traditions in that society.

3- National Council for Family Affairs (NCFA)

Chaired by Her Majesty Queen Rania Al-Abdullah, the National Council for Family Affairs (NCFA) was founded by virtue of a Royal Decree, under Law No. (27) for the year 2001. Which was considered since its establishment as an umbrella for the National Family Protection Project.

NCFA's goal is to improve the quality of life of Jordanian families. We work to maintain the family's entity, its stability and self-sufficiency, and strive to ensure the appropriate socio-economic, legislative and cultural policy environment supportive of the family and its members

Mission:

To contribute to ensuring a better quality of life for Jordanian families through a national vision that supports the country's development policies and enables all Jordanian families to achieve their optimal aspirations.

Role:

Under the leadership of Her Majesty Queen Rania, NCFA is an umbrella organization that acts as a support agency by coordinating and facilitating the work of its partners and relevant institutions, which work in, and influence, the field of family affairs. The Council's role can be identified under three main headings:

- A national policy think-tank
- A coordinating and monitoring body
- An advocate

Strategy

NCFA's strategy enables it to proactively respond to its legal responsibilities. The main strategic objectives of the Council are:

Policy Formulation and Reform

To facilitate the development, revision and appropriate reform of policies, legislations, and procedures as they impact on the attainment of an enhanced quality of life for the Jordanian family and its members.

Research and Data Resource Management

To avail, make accessible and disseminate data and information to decision-makers, program managers, family affairs advocates and other concerned parties, with the intention of instituting timely and informed action focused on ensuring an enhanced quality of life for all Jordanian families.

Advocacy

To increase awareness and support for family issues and policies that impact on the quality of life of all Jordanian families.

Coordination and Monitoring

To facilitate, coordinate, and monitor the development and implementation of national policies, strategies and programs focused on ensuring an enhanced quality of life for all Jordanian families.

Organizational Development

To develop and support the capacity of the National Council for Family Affairs to technically, administratively, and financially respond to the Council's role and responsibilities as established under Jordanian law.

Arab Regional Conference on Family Protection

Day One 13th December

- 9:00 – 11:30 **Session No 1: Domestic Violence – Reality and Challenges**
Chairperson: HE Mrs. Na'ela Mouwad/ MoSD Lebanon
Particioants:
World Health Organization
Mr. Hassan Shkor / Concepts of Domestic Violence in the Arab World/ Morocco
- 12:00 – 12:45 **Opening Session**
- 12:45– 01:00 **Coffee Break**
- 01:00 – 02:00 **Lunch**
- 02:00 – 03:45 **Session No 2: Domestic Violence in the Jordanian Society**
Chairperson: Ms. Lara Hussein/ National Council for Family Affairs.
Particioants:
Lt. Colonel Fadel Al-Houmoud - The Public Security Directorate / Family Protection Department
Dr. Mu'men Hadidi – Ministry of Health / National Institute of Forensic Medicine
Mr.Suod Barrari - Ministry of Social Development
Mrs. Maha Al khatib – Director General - Jordan River Foundation
- 03:45– 04:00 **Coffee Break**
- 04:00 –06:00 **Session No 3: Roles and Responsibilities in Combating Domestic Violence**
Chairperson: His Excellency Ambassador Mohammad Al Khamleshy / The Arab League.
Particioants:
Prof. Rashad Abdullatif Ph.D / The Arab League.
Mrs. Jane Connors/ OHCHR Senior Human Rights Officer
Mrs. Mariam Al-naser – Higher Council for Family - Qatar
- Field Visits to:**
- The Public Security Directorate
- Dar Al Aman
- Queen Rania Center / Jabal Al naser
- 08:30 **Dinner**

Second Day 14th December

- 09:00 – 11:15 **Training Sessions**
Video Recording of Interviews with Child Victim of Sexual Abuse.
Multi-Agency Approach (Case study from Jordan)
For more information on the training sessions please refer to the training section of the booklet

09:00 – 11:15

Special Session: Role of Religion in Family Protection

Chairperson: His Excellency Dr. Abd Al Salam Al Abadi.

Participants:

Dr. Mohammad Khayat-World Health Organization

Ms. Arwa Kyalani

Father Nabil Hadad

11:15– 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 –01:00

Session No 4: Preventing Domestic Violence

Chairperson: Mrs. Maha Al Khatib – Director General/Jordan River Foundation.

Participants:

Ms. Nergis Pervin – Child Protection Officer – UNICEF, Bangladesh

Judge Latifa Tawfiq / Morocco

Dr. Fadila Al Mahrous/ Bahrain.

01:00 – 02:00

Lunch

02:00 – 04:15

Session No 5: Monitoring and Evaluation and Responsibilities in Family Protection

Chairperson: Dr. Ayman Abu Laban – Secretary General of the

Arab Council for Childhood and Development.

Participants:

Mr. Gopalan Balagopal/ Senior Adviser, Child Protection(NewYork

UNICEF Head Quarter - United States of America)

Mr Kreshna Belbase- Monitoring and Evaluation Officer (UNICEF – Middle East)

04:15– 05:00

Coffee Break

05:00 – 07:00

Special Session : Networking and Cooperation on a Regional level

Chairperson: Ms. Kimberly Svevo/ ISPCAN Executive Director USA

Participants:

Mr. Pernard Jrbaqa / Lebanon

Dr. Hani Jahshan / Jordan

Dr. Fadila Al Mahrous – Bahrain

Dr. Adeeb Assali – Syria

Ms. Reem Morsi - ECBT

The Role of legislation in Family Protection

Chairperson: Judge Abdullah Al-Omar - Qatar

Participants:

Judge Mansour Hadidi/ Jordan

Judge Dr. abed Al Salam Darweesh/UAE

Judge Mowafag Al Yagshi - Syria

08:30

Dinner

Day Three 15th December

09:00 – 11:15

Training Sessions

Case Management Skills for Social Workers

Interviewing Victims

Medical Evaluation of Sexual Abuse Victims

For more information on the training sessions please refer to the training section of the booklet

09:00 – 11:15

Country Case Studies

Chairperson: Her Excellency Mrs. Zahera Kamal/ Minister of Women Affairs / Palestine

- Bahrain
- Kuwait
- Morocco
- Republic of Yemen

11:15 – 11:30

Coffe Break

11:30 – 01: 00

Media Interactive Session

Chairperson: Mr. George Kirdahi

Participants:

Mrs. Muntaha Al-Ramahi/ Al-Arabya.

Mrs. Randa Habib - AFP

MBC

Ms. Rana Al Sabag

01:00 – 02:00

Lunch

02:00 – 03:30

Country Case Studies

Chairperson: Ms. Salha Obaid Ghabesh / Secretary General of The Higher Council for Family / Sharjah

Participants:

All delegations

- Lebanon
- Qatar
- United Arab Emarates
- Jordan

03:30 – 03:45

Coffe Break

03:45 – 04:00

Role Play

04:00 – 05:00

Closing session.

Chairperson: Public Security Directorate

Training Session

1- Multi – Agency Approach Case study from Jordan

Date: 14/12/2005 Time: 9:00 – 11:30

Coordinators: Dr. Hani Jahshan

Trainers: Dr. Hani Jahshan,
Mrs. Reem Abu Hassan

Attendance: 25 Professionals representing:

1. The health sector
2. The Ministry of Social Development
3. Law Enforcement Agencies
4. NGOs

Aims of the workshop:

1. Understand the role of a multidisciplinary team, including the roles of law enforcement, child protective services, and the legal system in the evaluation of abuse cases.
2. Address relevant factors in detecting, reporting and managing child physical and sexual abuse cases.
3. Tackle problems facing inter-agency cooperation.
4. highlight the importance of policies and procedures, in the detection and management of child abuse cases.

2- Medical Evaluation of victims of sexual violence

Date: 15/12/2005 Time: 9:00 – 11:30

Coordinators: World Health Organization

Trainers: Dr. Hani Jahshan,
Dr. Alex Butchart

Attendance: 25 forensic physicians and medical staff

Aims of the workshop:

1. Provide health care workers with the knowledge and skills required to manage victims of sexual violence.
2. Provide standards for integrated health and forensic response to sexual violence.
3. Encourage the use of “WHO Guidelines for Medico-Legal Care for Victims of Sexual Violence” as a main professional reference.

3- Case Management Skills:

Date: 15/12/2005 Time: 9:00- 11:30

Coordinators: Mr. Haitham Salti

Trainers: Ms.Grethe Lundin,
Mr. Haitham Salti

Attendance: 25 Professionals representing

1. Social Workers
2. NGOs

Aims of the workshop are to train the participants on the following areas of case management:

1. The components/element of case management and its significance
2. Communication skills (i.e. developing relationships with clients, effective listening, interviewing and confidentiality).
3. Case Management Challenges (professional boundaries, cultural differences, home visiting challenges, crisis intervention, and burnout)
4. Assessments and Individual Service Plans: approaches to conducting client assessments, developing individual Service plans, as well as effective follow up mechanisms

4- Video Recording of Interviews with Child Victims of Sexual Abuse

Date: 14/12/2005 Time: 9:00- 11:30

Coordinators: Family Protection Department

Trainers: Major. Fakhri Qatarneh
Captain. Tagreed Abu Sarhan
Mr. Toni Butler

Attendance: 25 participants working in the field of criminal justice

Aims of the workshop:

1. Introduce the technique of video recording in interviewing victims of family violence.
2. Highlight the positive impact of using video recording in the interviewing.
3. Introduce the basic principles of this technique and its impact on victims of family violence.

Interviewing Victims:

Date:15/12/2005 Time:9:00- 11:30

Coordinators: Family Protection Department

Trainers: Major. Fakhri Qatarneh
Captain. Tagreed Abu Sarhan
Mr. Toni Butler

Attendance: 25 police offices from MENA region

Aims of the workshop:

1. Provide police officers with the necessary knowledge and skills to respond effectively to case of child abuse and sexual violence.
2. Introduce the relevant procedures for assessing cases of family violence.
3. Introduce the techniques of interviewing victims of family violence.

Achievements of the Family Protection Project 2000 – 2005

I. National Council for Family Affairs:

1. Development of the National Framework for Family Protection.
2. Development of the National Strategy for Family Protection.
3. Conducting a national study/survey on domestic violence in the Jordanian society (knowledge, attitudes and facts).
4. Establishing (partners unit) within a national database for family affairs.

II. The Judicial Council:

1. Amending the legislations to authorize the use of videotaping of the testimonies of children victims of domestic violence, and use the videotaping technology in court hearings.
2. Developing a curriculum on domestic violence as a part of the training component of the Jordanian Judicial Institute.
3. Strengthening the institutional capacity of the judicial system to better manage domestic violence cases through assessing the training needs and provide training programs to general persecutors and judges.

III. Public Security Directorate / Family Protection Department:

1. Strengthening the institutional capacity of the Family Protection Department by:
 - a. Enhancing the capacity of a core training team within the department
 - b. Enhancing the capacity of staff through specialized national trainings courses and study tours to the United Kingdom
 - c. Developing training packages and an internal procedure manual

- d. Using the videotaping technique to record testimonies of abused children.
2. Developing and implementing awareness-raising campaigns on issues of family protection for the staff of the Public Security Directorate.

IV. Family Guidance and Awareness Center

Zarqa Governorate:

1. Expansion of the center premises to provide for more services to child and women victims of family violence.
2. Providing counseling services and legal advice to children who are victims of family violence (including disadvantaged children) and engaging as well as awareness raising activities about legal physiological and health issue.
3. Providing counseling and rehabilitation services and legal advice to women victims of domestic violence and assist them legally when needed.
4. Awareness raising of the local non-profit societies in the governorate of Zarqa on women rights and issues of family violence.

V. Jordanian Media Center:

1. Establishing a special unit at Jordan TV to tackle family issues as well as creating a link related to family affairs on the website of Jordanian Media Center.
2. Publishing of the family protection newsletter in cooperation with members of the Family Protection Project.
3. Developing and implementing national awareness campaigns on family issues including family protection in partnership with members of the Family Protection Project.

VI. Jordan River Foundation:

1. Strengthen the institutional capacity of the Foundation by conducting specialized training programs for the Child Safety

Program staff and visiting similar centers / programs of child safety and protection in the UK.

2. Developing an internal procedures and standards manual for the management and operations of Dar Al-Aman (Child Safety Center).
3. Developing training manuals working with children and families at risk
4. Developing and implementing national awareness campaigns on family protection and welfare in partnership with members of the Family Protection Project.

IV. Ministry of Education:

Developing and implementing the Arts for Child Safety project in partnership with the Jordan River Foundation:

- 1- Developing an Arts Box of various visual and auditory stimulants
- 2- Setting up a national training team from the Ministry and Jordan River Foundation staff and developing training manuals for training school staff on using the arts box
- 3- Integrating especially designed activities related to the Arts for Child Safety Project in school curriculum for children aged 5-8 yrs.

Arab-Regional Conference for Family Protection

13th – 15th of December, 2005

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1- Department for International Development

DFID, the Department for International Development: leading the British government's fight against world poverty.

One in five people in the world today, over 1 billion people, live in poverty on less than one dollar a day. In an increasingly interdependent world, many problems – like conflict, crime, pollution and diseases such as HIV and AIDS – are caused or made worse by poverty. DFID responds to emergencies, both natural and man-made. It also supports long-term programmes which aim to reduce poverty and disease and to increase the number of children in school, in support of the internationally agreed UN 'Millennium Development Goals'

2- Swiss International Agency for Development and Cooperation: Fighting poverty and promoting peace

Swiss international cooperation: Fighting poverty and promoting peace Switzerland invests about CHF 1.5 billion a year in combating poverty and promoting economic development in countries of the third world and Eastern Europe.

All official development cooperation activities aim to improve living conditions for the world's most disadvantaged people. The SDC focuses primarily on conflict transformation, social development, good governance, promoting economic structures and safeguarding natural resources. The SDC also strives to strengthen the abilities of its partner countries to take their own initiatives.

3- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark

The Danish Ministry of foreign affairs works in Asia, Africa and the Middle East through the South Group department which is responsible for Danish relation and bilateral development in those regions

in collaboration with the UN and the UN sister organizations, the world bank and the regional development banks.

4- UNICEF in Jordan

UNICEF is committed to the realisation and fulfilment of the rights of women and children. To achieve this commitment, UNICEF is working with the Jordanian Government, Royal Family, non-governmental organisations and civil society to fulfil the rights of all children in Jordan. The Country Programme of Cooperation (2003-2007), reflects the commitments made by the country for the Millennium agenda. The Country Programme of Cooperation adopts a rights-based, gender sensitive and life-cycle approach. The Country Programme of Cooperation consists of five inter-related programmes:

Integrated Early Child Development Programme; Child Protection; Adolescent Participation and Empowerment; Community Development; The National Movement for Children, and Monitoring of Rights.

The Goals of the Child Protection Programme are:

- Contribute to an improved legislative environment for children and women to protect their rights
- Contribute to an improvement of the psychosocial well-being of children and women victims of violence, abuse, and neglect
- Improve the health system's ability to diagnose child abuse at an early stage
- Support the reintegration of children de[r]ived of parental care into families and communities